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REMARKS

Applicant replies to the Final Office Action dated March 20, 2006 within two-months. Thus, Applicant requests an Advisory Action, if necessary. Claims 1-11 and 32-34 remain pending in this application. No new matter is added by these amendments. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-11 and 32-34.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C § 101

The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

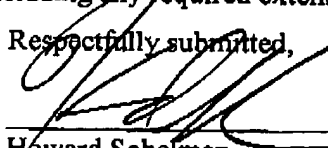
Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 32 to more clearly disclose that the optimal trip option for transportation is used by the host computer to create a travel itinerary, which is then received by the client computer. Thus, the claims further disclose a tangible and concrete product and Applicant asserts that claims 1 and 32 conform to 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 2-11 and 33-34 variously depend from independent claims 1 and 32, therefore claims 2-11 and 33-34 are overcome the rejection by the amendments described above in reference to independent claims 1 and 32, in addition to their own respective features.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience. Applicant authorizes and respectfully requests that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including any required extension fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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